

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Brian Buckmeier** : Examiner: Lucy Thomas

Appln. No. : 10/799,377 : Group Art Unit: 2836

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Title: CONNECTORS HAVING
TRANSIENT VOLTAGE SUPPRESSION
COMPONENTS AND TRANSIENT
VOLTAGE SUPPRESSION COMPONENTS
IN A CONNECTOR

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In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, please reconsider the above application in light of the following:

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.